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## 'Missing' Red China officer now in Moscow, but why?

WASHINGTON - A strange new note has been added to the mysterious disappearance of a number of high-ranking Chinese Communist military

One of the most important of this group was spotted in Moscow recently by a highly reliable source for the Central Intelligence Agency with orsiè information has been extremely accurate in the past.

.The "missing" Chinese officer is Gen. Holung, one of China's 10 field marshals before the People's Liberation Army dispensed with ranks during the nation-shaking "Cultural Revolution."

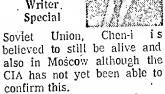
Before his mysterious disappearance several months ago, Holung was the com-mander of the First Field Army, one of the five in the Chinese People's Liberation Army. It is located in the strategic northwest region of China and consists of a force of more than 350,000 military personnel.

Exactly what Gen. Holung is doing in Moscow or how he got therei's still a mystery in intelligence circles here. All the CIA's source in Moscow was able to provide offi-. cials here was definite proof that the Chinese officer spotted was Holung, and that he was with a group of highranking Russian military officers.

Still missing and unaccounted for are 73 other senior military Chinese officers of general rank who have been missing since the "Cultural Revolution". Among these officers is Gen. Chen-i, commander of the powerful Third Chinese Communist.

China. Known to be friendly to Paul A. Scott

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Holung's unexpected appearance in Moscow could mean one of several things.

One group of CIA experts believes Gen. Holung defected to Russia and is now working with the Kremlin for the

Chinese Communist govern- with Chou En-lai. Shao Chi to fill its ranks.

CIA contends that Holung is with the political power on a secret mission to Moscow for the Chinese military Peking. leadership. To support this announcement of a replace-

The recent appearance in area commander under the "missing" Gen. Chen-i, has raised questions about the

Chinese Communist capital. Gen. Yeh is a close friend

of Premier Chou En-lai, according to Chinese Nationalist diplomatic sources here. The New China News Agency, ofa member of the Chinese Communist Party Politburo Commission.

His emergency in Peking, Marshal that he was summoned to the in July.

overthrow of ailing Mao Tsetung, the Chinese Communist

Party chairman, and Lining, Kissinger was given a Piao, the deputy party chairman and defense minister.

The "defector" theory is based on recent information the Chinese military leader that President and Campaign."

The Democrats hold their party's national convention in Miami in July.

Rallies criticizing Pakistan for the situation in the Eastern part of the country.

whether the President's pro- military aid to India. Another group within the posed visit had anything to do struggle now under way in

The request was the result theory, they stress that there of a British intelligence has been no official Peking estimate passed on the the CIA that the Nixon trip had ment for Gen. Holung as the acted as a catalyst among the commander of the First Field leaders of the Peking regime, upsetting the political equilibrium of the government by splitting the military men, Peking of Yeh Chien-ying, an who now dominate the power structure, into two camps.

One group of military men,

Field Army, which controls to that he might be playing the East Approved For Release 2001/03/04: CONCERNING OF STATE OF SECTION OF THIRD OF THE PROPERTY OF TH management of China's

economy and bureaucracy, and use Chou's brand of indiploniacy ternational secure massive trade and aid from the U.S. The other group wants to stick with Mao and Lin Piao. They favor a strict conformity with Mao's thoughts, and the succession of Lin Piao to Mao-like leadership after Mao's death as provided for in for in the Communist Party Constitution of 1969.

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If those supporting Mao and Lin Piao win out in the political struggle, it is the conclusion of the British intelligence estimate that the ficial organ of the Chinese Nixon trip will be canceled. Communist government, President Nixon and his indescribed Veh as now being the control of the contr described Yeh as now being telligence advisers are hopeful Kissinger's visit to Peking will shed some new and as vice chairman of the light on who is really running Central Miliatry Affairs China.

In briefing congressional coinciding as it does with the leaders on his upcoming continued "disappearance" of Moscow trip, President Nixon Lin Piao, the reported that Soviet Foreign designated heir of Mao, has Secretary Andrei Gromyko increased speculation here had suggested he visit Russia

Chinese capital to represent. In proposing May instead, the military in the talks now the President stated: "I told In proposing May instead, under way with Dr. Henry Gromyko that July would be Kissinger, the President's to close to the star of the chief foreign policy adviser. 1972 presidental campaign."

based on recent information the Chinese military leader. Eastern part of the country that Russia has set up a ship and his close relationship are being held throughout Russia, according to the CIA. ment in exile in Moscow and CIA Director Richard This is being taken as a sign' is now recruiting supporters Helms also asked Kissinger to at the White House that Rusal deposed hand of other Line. of deposed head of state Liu determine, if possible, sia is planning to step up its